

The Economics Of The Arms Race To Be Discussed At Central

Students throughout the country, and particularly black students, face the possibility of losing massive amounts of financial aid if President Reagan's budget plans are enacted.

The President's budget, some say, seeks to divert needed money from areas of human needs and services to military spending. Such a course is believed by many to be a road to disaster. Not only will massive military spending have catastrophic effects upon the

economy, many believe, but will also heat up the arms race, thereby increasing the chances of nuclear war.

To voice these concerns, the Academic Skills Center and concerned faculty and students are sponsoring a convocation focusing on the economics of the arms race at North Carolina Central University on Thursday, April 22, beginning at 10 a.m. The convocation is open to the public.

Major speakers at the morning session include Rev. G. Hill of the

NCCU Campus Ministry (10:30 a.m.), Rev. W.W. Easley, Jr., pastor of St. Joseph's AME Church (10:40), and H.M. Michaux, Congressional candidate for N.C.'s Second District (11:15). A slide show on the threat of nuclear war will also be shown at 10 a.m.

Following the morning session, at 12 noon in the Student Union lounge, representatives of the Student Observance Committee will hold a press conference to announce the results of their successful campus-wide letter writing cam-

aign protesting the budget cuts. Several faculty members will also speak. Michaux will be available for a response.

At the afternoon session, beginning at 2 p.m. in Room 102 of the Communications Building, the film "We Are The Guinea Pigs" will be shown. This film exposes the intricate links between the military and the commercial nuclear power industry and examines the dangers of this alliance.



Zerubbabel

Day

Service

Members of C. Hudson Chapter No. 63, Holy Royal Arch Masons, Prince Hall Affiliation, who held their Zerubbabel Day Service at Morehead Avenue Baptist Church on Sunday, March 28. Rev. B.A. Mack (center), pastor of the host church, delivered the sermon. Officers are: Companions John H. McNeil, Jr., Most Excellent High Priest; James C. Black, King; John Nesbitt, Scribe; Ray H. Little, Captain of the Host; John Miles, Principal Sojourner; James C. Crawford, Secretary; Ostella Criss, treasurer; William Brown, Royal Arch Captain; Johnny Morris, Master of First Veil; Fred Brooks, Master of Second Veil; Larry W. Alston, Master of Third Veil; and Mack Pearson, Sentinel.

Providing Homes For Bluebirds Is Subject Of Brochure

Bluebirds can once again be seen in many parts of the Carolinas due largely to the conservation efforts of bluebird enthusiasts such as Jack R. Finch, retired nurseryman from Bailey, North Carolina. Finch says that "the bluebirds are receiving my social security payments." His brochure entitled "Come Back Little Bluebird" (available for 50¢ and SASI-from-Homes For Bluebirds, Bailey, NC 27807. Tel. (919) 235-4280) outlines what

is being done for the beautiful native bird. "Homes For Bluebirds" is a nonprofit organization devoted to propagating bluebirds.

Since the importation of European starlings and English sparrows into this country, their aggressive competition has usurped the usual nesting sites sought by Eastern bluebirds and other native cavity nesting birds. So Finch and others try to supplement the naturally occurring cavities in dead trees and

decaying fence posts with nestboxes of a particular design. The most critical feature is an entrance hole 1½" in diameter, which effectively eliminates starlings, since they cannot fit into the opening.

Jack Finch also assisted bluebirds when he alerted tobacco farmers of the bird traps in their curing barns. This was the pot type oil curer with a 6" smokestack and rain cap which had no bird screen or guard. The bluebird's natural tendency to look

inside a cavity was often the first step to disastrous death. Since tobacco barns prior to 1957 numbered nearly 100,000 and an average of twenty died in each barn, the toll of dead bluebirds from 1947 to 1954 was estimated to be in the millions. This type of barn flue is no longer in widespread use.

In 1978, Finch joined his efforts and expertise with a continent-wide bluebird movement as a founding member of the North American Bluebird Society

(NABS). The goals of NABS are the same as Jack Finch's, but extend to all three species of bluebirds — Eastern, Western and Mountain — and cover the United

States and Canada. NABS is the publisher of a popular journal called *Sialia* (Latin for "bluebird") and acts as a clearinghouse for questions, answers, and

research on cavity nesting birds. For information on receiving *Sialia* and membership in NABS, write to NABS, Box 6295, Silver Spring, MD 20906.



JACK FINCH
A HOME FOR BLUEBIRDS

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factors contribute to this kind of indifferent attitude that black American students have toward their African classmates.

"I think peer pressure is one reason," she said. "No one appears willing to take the first step to bridge the gap. I also feel that because blacks here have been treated as inferior and laughed at because they are different from whites, that when we see someone different, we tend to just pass the behavior on. I think a lot of people see different as funny."

Another student, who asked not to be identified because his answer is embarrassing, said: "I feel kinda funny because these African students are all so smart. But I cover that up by acting superior to them."

And so, much of the problem, the rift between Central's black American students and African students appears to boil down to who, if anyone, will take the first step to bridge the gap.

Duke Power

From Front

courts.

In that suit, civil rights claims were also made, said Payne. The courts must also look at discrimination, he said. Eighty per cent of bus riders are black. Three of the individual plaintiffs are black and all four are women.

The suit not only requests that night buses keep rolling, but also Sunday and holiday service which were provided in 1973 when the contract was signed giving the company the rights to provide electric and transit service.

Travis said the coalition seeks the same level of service but not identical service, because "the routes they were running on Sunday in the mid-'70's may not make any sense now."

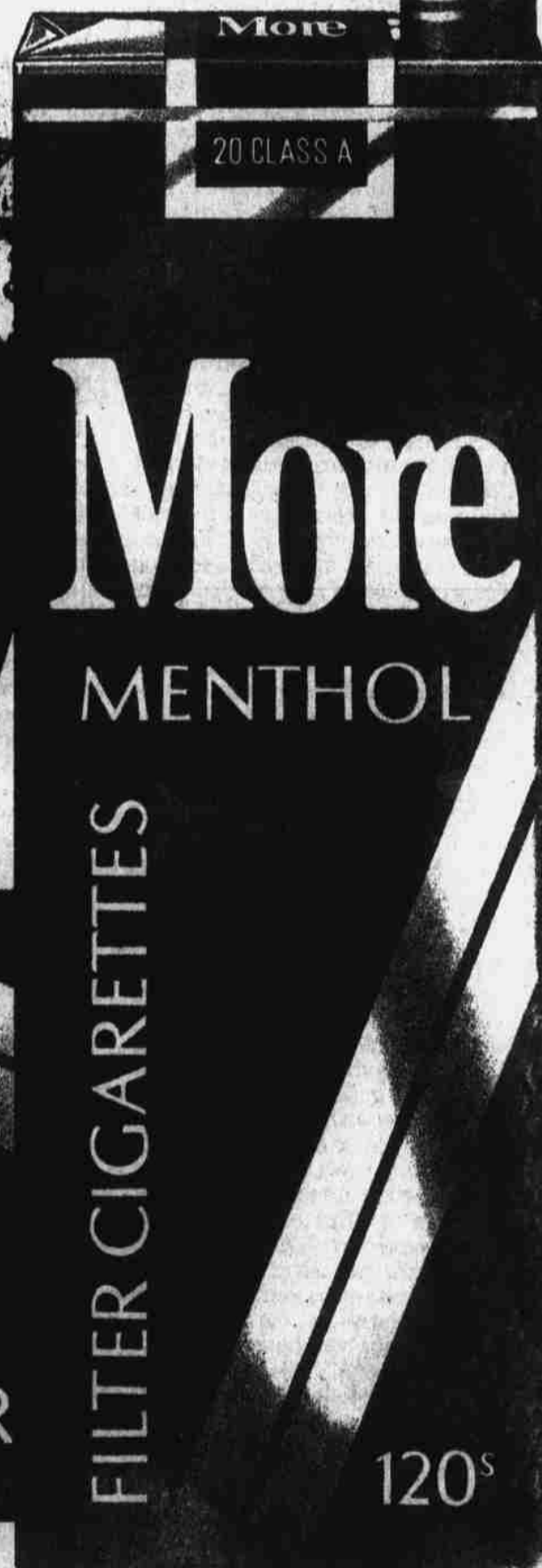
Travis said the coalition will point up the millions in federal funds the company has ignored because of a hiring requirement, noting that, according to him, those funds alone — about \$4.5 million to date — would cut the company's losses by half.

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